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REMARKS

This Response is made in conjunction with an RCE that moves this application again into prosecution. Amendments have been made herein to independent claims 1, 14, and 27 to add additional limitations relating to how a system operates to perform Incremental Redundancy (IR) operations. According to the amended claims, one or more processing devices cooperate with an IR processing module to perform the IR operations. The manner in which the one or more processing devices performs Physical (PHY) layer operations and Media Access Control (MAC) layer operations and that offloads IR operations to an IR processing module is more specifically described in amended claims 1, 14, and 27. Dependent claims 2, 3, 15, and 16 have also been amended to call out additional features of the present invention.

The cited prior art fails to suggest, disclose, or teach the elements of amended claims 1, 14, and 27 and those claims that depend there from. All claims are now allowable and a notice of allowance is courteously solicited. Please direct any questions or comments to the undersigned attorney at the address indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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